

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate Read Across America Day, designated as March 2nd, 2010, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. For the past thirteen years, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers across our nation have participated in Read Across America Day by bringing together families and books. It is a pleasure to use this occasion to also recognize the importance of reading and the successes of reading interventions.

Read Across America Day focuses on motivating children and teens to read by providing parents, caregivers, and children the resources and activities they need to make reading a year-round event. Read Across America Day has encouraged more than fifty national nonprofit organizations and thousands more local partners to join in celebratory events to promote children's reading. An estimated forty-five million people will participate in the Read Across America program in 2010.

Members of our communities are working hard to motivate children to read because they know that reading is an important factor in student achievement. Children who spend more time reading do better in school and develop lifelong passions for reading. In order to prepare our youngest citizens for a successful academic career, it is critical that we encourage parents to read with their children on a consistent basis.

Theodor Geisel, known as Dr. Seuss, spent his life encouraging children of all ages to love reading. Through his playful prose and cheerful rhymes, Dr. Seuss created books that are an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. As we celebrate Dr. Seuss and reading, we send a clear message to America's children that reading is important and exciting.

The continued support of Read Across America Day is essential in creating more opportunities for children to thrive in education and become the leaders of tomorrow. Reading is a lifelong activity and children especially deserve us to contribute to their success. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "the more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

CORRECTION OF COSPONSORSHIP

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, it's come to my attention that I was incorrectly added as a cosponsor to H.R. 4529 due to another Member's staff error. They have apologized and made the correction.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HONORABLE ANNE C. CONWAY

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the judicial and civic contributions of the Honorable Anne Conway. The Honorable Anne C. Conway is a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. She was appointed by President George H. W. Bush in 1991, and is presently the Chief Judge of the Middle District of Florida. She presides over the Orlando Division. Judge Conway has an impressive record of serving the Florida Judicial system and its people.

Judge Conway attended the University of Florida's College of Law, graduating with honors in 1975. She served as an executive editor of the law review. As a result of her work for the Center for Governmental Responsibility, she received the McIntosh Foundation Award. In addition, Judge Conway served as a Legal Aid Student Intern.

Judge Conway began her legal career with a federal clerkship with the Honorable John A. Reed, Jr. in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. After completing her clerkship, Judge Conway joined the firm of Young, Turnbull & Linscott, P.A. as an associate. In June 1978, she began practicing with the firm of Wells, Gattis & Hallows, P.A., where she became a partner and shareholder of the firm in March 1981. In July 1982 Judge Conway joined the firm of Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler, P.A. She also became a shareholder of the firm in February 1985. While in private practice as a member of The Florida Bar, Judge Conway was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States District Courts for the Middle, Northern and Southern Districts of Florida.

Judge Conway currently serves on the Judicial Conference Committee on Defender Services and served on the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing Working Advisory Group. Prior to becoming Chief Judge she chaired the Middle District of Florida Budget Committee and participated in several other court committees including Security, Space and Facilities, Case Management, and Automation. Judge Conway served on the Board of Directors of the Federal Judges Association from 2001–2004 and was Eleventh Circuit membership chair from 2003–2007.

Judge Conway serves on multiple boards and has represented the United States speaking out on issues ranging from national security to the freedoms protected by the First Amendment. She presently serves on the University of Florida Law Center Association Board of Trustees and the Board of Advisors for the Center for Governmental Responsibility. She participated in the Centers Annual Conferences on Legal & Policy Issues in the Americas in Lima, Peru in May 2006 and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in May 2008 speaking on Judicial Education and Professionalism. She also served as a panelist for the Center for Governmental Responsibility's inaugural symposium.

Madam Speaker, as Women's History Month begins, it is with great honor that I recognize the Honorable Anne C. Conway for her judicial leadership and commitment to social justice. Her impressive record and contributions to the Central Florida community must and should be praised. Judge Conway is an outstanding role model for young women who want to positively impact their communities through the legal system.

COMMENDING THE PEACE CORPS FOR 49 YEARS OF GLOBAL SERVICE AND RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEACE CORPS WEEK

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Peace Corps for 49 years of global service and to recognize National Peace Corps Week.

Since its inception in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy, the Peace Corps has placed nearly 200,000 American Volunteers in 139 countries around the world to contribute to the cause of peace and human progress. Its impact has been felt in developing nations across the globe where Peace Corps Volunteers have assisted on a variety of issues, working hand in hand with the people of these nations to build a better future for their communities.

There are currently 7,671 Volunteers serving in 76 countries who are dedicated to better understanding the people of other nations while helping to promote a better understanding Americans in an effort to find common ways to work together to address global challenges.

Among those Volunteers are three distinguished individuals from the 23rd Congressional District. Laura Alexander has been serving in Tanzania since August of 2008. Aysa Gray is currently serving in Namibia, where she has been since September of 2008. And Peggy Defray started in April of 2009 her service in Namibia as well.

With the help of these dedicated young people and the generations of current and former Volunteers from all over the United States, the Peace Corps has become a symbol of America's commitment to expand opportunities and assist those in need throughout the world.

For example, the commitment of Peace Corps Volunteers in the area of HIV/AIDS assistance, awareness, and prevention has been a crucial part of the global response to this pandemic. Volunteers have also made significant efforts in the areas of education, agriculture, the environment, and more recently, business development and information technology.

The lasting contributions made by those in the Peace Corps, past and present, are truly remarkable. I am thankful for the opportunity to honor the Peace Corps for 49 years of excellence during this National Peace Corps Week.